चावल का निर्यात

1507. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री 31 जुलाई, 1995 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 41 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विश्व बाजार में चावल का निर्यात के संबंध में भारत की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है, और

(ख) इस समय कौन-कौन सी किस्मों के चावल का निर्यात किया जाता है और कौन-कौन से देश भारत से चावल का आयात कर रहे हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी0 चिदम्बराम) : (क) स्वास्थ्य एवं कृषि संगठन (एफ ए ओ) के अनुमानों के अनुसार, वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान विश्व चावल बाजार में भारत का हिस्सा लगभग 6% रहा।

(ख) भारत मुख्य रूप से बासमती चावल का निर्यात करता है। फाइन तथा सुपर फाइन किस्मों के गैर-बासमती चावल का भी निर्यात किया जाता है। भारतीय चावल के प्रमुख गन्तव्य देश ये है-सऊदी अरब, कुवैत, संयुक्त अरब अमीरात तथा ब्रिटेन। निर्यात के देशवार ब्यौरे वाणिज्यिक जानकारी एवं सांख्यिकी महानिदेशालय द्वारा प्रकाशित मासिक/संस्करणों में दिए जाते हैं जिनकी प्रतियां संसद पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध हैं।

Programmes for Development of Consumer Services in Supper Bazar

1508. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new programmes to accelerate the development of consumer services in the Super Bazar have been launched;

(b) if so, the details therof and the names of branches covered under these programmes;

(c) whether there is a large potential in Super Bazar for consumer services;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take any additional measures to boost activities of the Super Bazar and improve its economic condition; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) It has been reported by Super Bazar that they have plan to set up two mega projects, at INA and Rajcndra Place which is awiting clearance from DDA and Ministry of Urban Development. Their expansion plan also includes setting.up many more retail outlets in the expanding colonies of Delhi. The General Body of Super Bazar has. taken a decision to register itself under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act to expand its area of operation to open branches in hitherto uncovered areas.

(c) and (d) There is further scope for expanding the activities of Super Bazar. Supper Bazar has decided to open branches in the newly developed colonies in Delhi, which have no retail outlets of Super Bazar or any other conumer store. Howcrver. since finding suitable accommodation is a problem, it has applied to DDA to allot suitable premises for opening these branches.

(e) and (f) Supper Bazar is an autonomous co-operative society and it has its own management. The Central Government provides support to the activites .of Super Bazar through loan, equity and grants in aid.from time to time.

Strategy to Maximise Exports

1509. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a strategy based on country product matric to maximise exports in the shortest pos-
sible time;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy Government propose to a dopt;

(c) whether the export targets by 2000AD have been fixed;

(d) whether the same would be' achieved by adopting such a strategy; and

(e.) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Performance of exports is closely monitored every month based on the DGCI&S data on exports and imports as brought out in their monthly publication "Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India (Principal Commodities and Countries)" which presents data on pattern and direction of exports and source of imports covering major countries and commodities. Review of export performance in terms of country-commodity matrix is a part of this exercise. It is observed that top 30 countries account for nearly 87.4% of our exports. While focus is to intensify export activities in these countries, it is also intended to diversify exports to newly emerging markets/countries.

(c) Export target is fixed on an yearly basis. The indicative export target for the current year envisages around 18% to 20% growth in dollar terms over the export valued at US$ 26223 million during 1994-95. The 8th Five Year Plan (1992—97) envisages export growth of 13.6% per annum in volume terms i.e. at 1991-92 prices and exchange rates. No formal export target for the year 2000 A.D. has been fixed. It would be our constant effort to increase India's share in world trade.

(d) and (e). Export promotion is a countinuous process. Steps are taken to boost exports in consultation with trade, industry and other relevant interest. The Government is striving to make the environment of policy and procedures more export friendly. Among the measures taken for export promotion, mention may be made about simplification of Export Import Policy and Procedure, increasing export production, improving efficiency and competitiveness, forcussing on quality improvement and technological upgradation, improvement in infrastructure and actively involving State Government in export promotion. In the current year an Annual Action Plan has been formulated which, *inter* alia, covers commodity specific measures for export promotion.

Enquiry by the Director General of Labour Welfare

1510. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director-General of Labour Welfare conducted any enquiry into the structural adjustments to be made by labour in tobacco and beedi sector over the next 10. years;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether data have been collected from various States on this subject of unemployment; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Does not arise.

Major Changes in the existing Plan Model

1511. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission proposes to make some major changes in the existing Plan Model;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether such changes are likely to take place from the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION